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Mr. Speaker:

Since coming to Congress, I have made it a priority to ensure that our men and women in uniform are prepared for success once their military service ends.

The members of our armed forces serve and sacrifice for this nation. We have a moral obligation to help them thrive when they transition to the civilian world.

That's why I'm so pleased the final version of this bill includes the bipartisan amendment I co-authored to increase funding for the Wounded Warrior Program.

This initiative places disabled veterans in paid, two-year fellowships in House offices, providing them with potentially life-changing opportunities for professional and personal growth.

It also enables Members of Congress to better serve the American people, because veterans can use the unique skills and perspective they gained in the military to improve public policy and help constituents.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.